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1. The Partido Comunista Brasileiro (PCB) in the State of Santa Catarina has been developed into a rather potent political force by its Secretary Gusmao de Andrade. When the police closed the PCB headquarters at Praca Quinze de Novembro in Florianopolis, capital of the State, meetings began to be held in a nearby public square, and such communist publications as Tribuna Popular and Hoje were given away in return for voluntary contributions, which have amounted to more than the regular selling price of the papers. Other activities are the "festas do povo" (people's parties) consisting of dancing, singing, and communist speeches.
2. Gusmao de Andrade, present PCB Secretary and a law student at the University of Florianopolis, is a capable organizer. A clever demagogue, he exploits the misery of the people in Florianopolis, where Cr\$200,00 (about \$10 US) per month is a lot of money for unskilled workers, and where craftsmen receive about an equivalent of \$1.00 US a day. He blames American imperialism for the inflationary spiral in Brazil and proposes Russian democracy as the only cure.
3. Other outstanding communists in Florianopolis are the following:

Mario Bastos, Jr.  
Dilermando Brito  
Dr. M. S. Cavalcanti  
Anacleto Damiani  
Jango Fernandes  
Paulino Horn Ferro  
Nelson Maria Machado

Jose Martins  
Moazir Ignatenri da Silveira  
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Teacher in Instituto de Educacao  
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